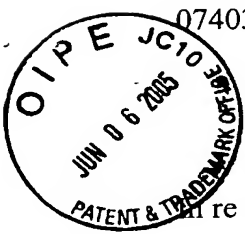


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FABRIC WITH REDUCED EFFECTIVE SWITCHING TIME

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Official Action mailed May 4, 2005, solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of Examiner's election requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species XI (Figures 12-16) without traverse. Applicants submit that at least original Claims 58-70 and new Claims 71-91 read on the species elected species. Species I-X (Claims 1-57) are withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer. This election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's conclusion reflected in the Office Action.